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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO LONDON, MAY 16, FROM  
TEHRAN RPTD TO YOU:

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS BAGHDAD

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TAGS: TFOR, PBOR, IR, IZ

SUBJ: IRAN- IRAQ NEGOTIATIONS

REF: TEHRAN 2990

1. DURING DISCUSSION MAY 15 WITH ITALIAN CHARGE  
DE FRANCHIS ON IRAN- IRAQ RELATIONS, HE PASSED ON SUMMARY  
OF REPORT JUST RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY BAGHDAD  
GIVING IRAQI VERSION OF SEVERAL ASPECTS OF SECRET  
GENEVA TALKS WITH IRAN ( REFTEL).

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2. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN EMBASSY REPORTS IRAQIS  
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IRAN HAD PROPOSED RE- ESTABLISHMENT  
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT " PREVIOUS LEVEL", PRESUM-  
ABLY MEANING CHARGE LEVEL, BUT IRAQ IS OPPOSED.

3. ON SHATT AL- ARAB ISSUE IRAQIS STATE THEY  
PROPOSED THAT THIS PROBLEM BE NEGOTIATED WITHIN  
FRAMEWORK OF 1937 TREATY. THIS WOULD INVOLVE IRAN  
RECOGNIZING TREATY, WHICH COULD THEN BE AMENDED TO  
REFLECT WHATEVER AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN TWO  
COUNTRIES ON USE OF RIVER. IRAN' S REPLY WAS TO EFFECT  
TREATY WAS " NULL AND VOID" AND COULD NOT BE USED AS  
BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

4. REFERRING TO RUMORS THAT EGYPT HAD ACTED AS  
GO- BETWEEN TO SET UP GENEVA TALKS, ITALIAN CHARGE  
SAID HE HAD RECENTLY ASKED EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR ANWAR  
ABOUT THIS. ANWAR SAID EGYPT HAD TOLD BOTH IRAQ AND  
IRAN IT WAS READY AT ANY TIME TO ACT AS GO BETWEEN TO  
PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONS BUT HAD NOT PLAYED ROLE IN  
ARRANGING GENEVA MEETING.  
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